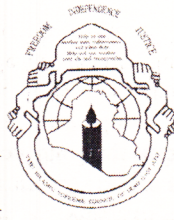


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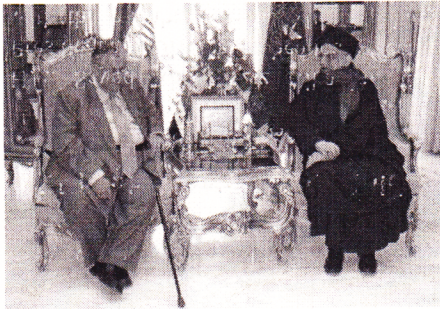
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Alhakim Commends the Success of the Elections: A Victory for All Iraqis

H.E. Alhakim Receives President Talabani



H.E. Sayed Abdul-Aziz Alhakim, ISCI President and UIA leader, received President Jalal Talabani, on February 13, 2009, in his special bureau in Baghdad.

During the meeting they discussed the latest developments and the provincial elections' results. Also, they stressed on the necessary consensus among the political parties in order to sustain the Iraqi new experience and protect the Iraqi achievements which have been accomplished in past few years.

Mihrab Martyr Bloc Holds Meeting

H.E. Sayed Abdul-Aziz Alhakim, ISCI President and UIA leader, headed a meeting with the members of the Mihrab Martyr Bloc in Baghdad and other governorates, in his special bureau in Baghdad, on February 5, 2009.

During the meeting, the attendees discussed the latest developments in the country as well as the Mihrab Martyr Bloc's internal affairs. H.E. delivered a speech in which he expressed his admiration for the great efforts that the members exerted in order to make the elections successful as well as the achieving of many goals.

Also, H.E. said that the most important

goals are supporting the political process and enforcing the new balance of power in Iraq. He also said that this balance is based on the will of the Iraqi people in both the provinces and the federal government.

He pointed out the role of the Religious Authority and the national political powers in creating this new balance by adopting the practice of the peaceful exchange of power through ballot boxes. H.E. emphasized their continued efforts in performing responsibilities for the Iraqi people and achieving their legitimate hopes and goals which are represented by reconstruction, improvements, and ensuring the future of Iraq and Iraqis.

Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi, H.E. Sayed Ammar Alhakim, and the Chief of Badr Organization, Mr. Hadi Al-Amiri, delivered speeches in which they stressed the importance of solidarity and unity of all Iraqi entities and powers for the purpose of developing Iraq and the Iraqi people's welfare. They praised the public participation of all classes in the elections. Also, they emphasized the religious and national standards of the Mihrab Martyr Bloc, as they are considered to be superior elements which cannot be dissolved by any means. They expressed their belief that Iraq's power is in the true participation of the people and entities.

ISCI Statement Provincial Elections

1 - Local elections reveal that Iraqis have realized remarkable success to be added to the series of victories throughout the past five years. Observers and those who follow up on the Iraqi affairs worldwide confirmed that the local elections went on smooth, free, impartial and without any obstacle or security threats. So these elections registered a noticeable switch

in the political process and a democratic success. This was made apparent by the huge unprecedented turnout of the Sunnis especially in the governorates of Anbar, Ninawa, Salah Eddine, and Diala.

2 - According to the international standards, the performance of the High Election Commission, which is the executive body, was good. It was characterized by impartiality and preciseness despite some important issues that were raised like the fact that many voters could not cast their votes because their names were not on the list of voters. The performance of the security apparatus also registered a good progress in keeping everything under control. No security breaches or violations occurred despite the curfew which deprived many voters from reaching the election stations. Despite all that, no one could doubt the authenticity or impartiality of these elections, despite what happened and especially with regard to those displaced.

3 - The Supreme Council in its numerous affiliates exerted huge efforts and exploited all its capabilities to bring these elections to success. It urged all people to actively participate in this phenomenon which Iraq has never experienced before, as admitted by all sides.

4 - According to the preliminary results, the Supreme Council got the second position in six governorates and came third in two others. In other governorates, it got different position ranks. This shows that it did not lose big. Rather, it proved that it still has the important strength in the governorates. No other group achieved the great majority in any governorate to make it the sole power in that area to administer.

5 - As it announced before the elections, the Supreme Council would extend its cooperation to all winners especially the United Iraqi Alliance including those who

withdrew from it and those who are close to it. This is what should take place these days through intensive dialogues to create a massive alliance that includes all political forces on the arena.

6 - The leadership of the Supreme Council already started studying the results on all levels to analyze all aspects of the elections with its results.

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H.E. Alhakim Receives PM Almaliki



H.E. Sayed Abdul Aziz Alhakim, ISCI President and UIA leader, received Prime Minister Nouri Almaliki, on February 3, 2009, in his special bureau. In the meeting they discussed current developments in Iraq. Also, they talked about the post-election stage and the necessity of assembling a coalition which includes the winners of the last provincial elections.

The upcoming provincial councils must be strong and have the support of the federal government, they said.

PM Almaliki stressed that this visit came as a continuation of the relationship with H.E. Alhakim to communicate all political process developments. The PM congratulated H.E. Alhakim on the great victory that the Iraqis have achieved in the last provincial elections, being free and secure.

H.E. Alhakim commended the success of the last provincial elections, an even which was seen as a victory for all Iraqis.

H.E. Alhakim Receives VP Alhashimi



H.E. Sayed Abdul-Aziz Alhakim, ISCI President and UIA leader, received Vice President Tarik Alhashimi, on February 13, 2009, in his special bureau in Baghdad. They discussed the latest developments in the country.

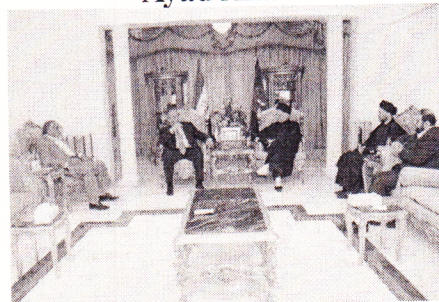
H.E. Alhakim Receives American Ambassador

H.E. Sayed Abdul-Aziz Alhakim, ISCI President and UIA leader, received Mr. Ryan Crocker, the American Ambassador to Iraq, on February 12, 2009, in his special bureau in Baghdad, for having finished his term in Iraq.

During the meeting they discussed the bilateral relations between Iraq and the United States and the importance of development in all fields.

Mr. Crocker highly commended the active role of H.E. Alhakim in supporting the political process and sustaining democracy and stability in Iraq. Also, he praised the great achievements that Iraqis have accomplished in the way of rebuilding their country. He wished that Iraqis would maintain their success and make Iraq more prosperous and secure.

H.E. Alhakim Receives Dr. Ayad Allawi



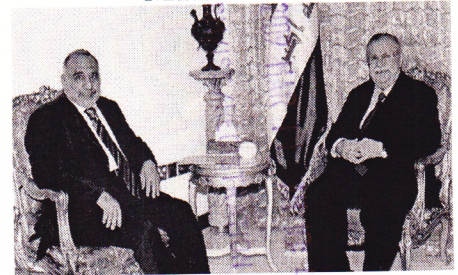
H.E. Sayed Abdul Aziz Alhakim, ISCI

President and UIA leader, received Dr. Ayad Allawi, President of the Accord Movement, on February 5, 2009, in his special bureau in Baghdad.

During the meeting they discussed the latest developments, and the best ways to strengthen the democratic process in Iraq.

Dr. Allawi pointed out that he is willing to form political coalitions and ISCI, under the leadership of H.E. Sayed Abdul Aziz Alhakim, which believes in democracy and stability for Iraq, is one of the main parties that he would like to work with.

Pres. Talabani and VP Abdul-Mahdi Meet



President Jalal Talabani and Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi discussed the latest political developments and other executive issues regarding the Presidency Council. The meeting was held in the Presidential Palace in Baghdad, on February 12, 2009.

In a press statement, President Talabani said that they discussed different issues and exchanged ideas on the role of the Presidency Council and the importance of activating the executive council and working together with all political parties for the benefit of the country.

Also, in a press statement, VP Abdul-Mahdi mentioned that they discussed the success of the provincial elections and their positive impact on the political atmosphere in Iraq and the progress that Iraq has achieved in its democracy. He also stressed on the role of the Presidency Council as an executive and monitoring institution and its cooperation with the Ministerial Council and the Council of Representatives (CoR).

VP Abdul-Mahdi pointed out the urgency of electing a new speaker for the CoR.

Presidency Council Receives Pres. Sarkozy



President Talabani, VP Abdul-Mahdi, and VP Alhashimi received French President Nicolas Sarkozy and the accompanied delegation in Alsalam Palace in Baghdad, on February 10, 2009. They discussed the bilateral relations and all fields for the interests of the two countries.

President Sarkozy mentioned in a press conference that France supports the new Iraqi democratic process and said, "Iraq is starting to restore its leadership role in the international community." Also, he said that Iraqis built their democracy and became an example for the regional countries. The French President mentioned that France is ready to open all cooperation channels: economic, trade, and training for civil and military fields.

VP Abdul-Mahdi said that the French President's visit to Iraq is very meaningful and mentioned the historic relations between the Iraqi political forces and France. The VP said that France will open new consulates and cultural attaché to exchange experience between the two countries.

VP Adil Abdul-Mahdi Receives UN Secretary-General



VP Mahdi received Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the accompanied delegation including

the UN envoy to Iraq, Staffan de Mistura, on February 6, 2009.

They discussed the latest developments in Iraq and the efforts that Iraqis are exerting to return the country to its natural place in the international community and to remove all UN retributions that have remained from the time of the former regime.

VP Abdul-Mahdi said that this visit underlines the huge developments in Iraq, giving the examples of the security situation, elections, and the Iraqi intention to go forward in rebuilding the country. Also, he said that we will have other county and town elections, a referendum of the Troop Withdrawal Agreement, and the national elections at the end of this year.

The VP also noted the significant role of the UN, which has always been a supportive one for Iraq, in terms of humanitarian aid, canceling Iraqi debts, helping in the International Compact, and their vital monitoring and technical role in the elections which gave them credibility.

He went on to recognize the necessity of developing the election process and the electoral institutions. He also emphasized on the role of the UN in enhancing the International Compact and its role in Kirkuk and the disputed areas in Iraq.

VP Abdul-Mahdi mentioned the UN Security Council's resolutions and the contradictions that exist between them. He emphasized on making a true review of the resolutions in order to reach a common understanding. He also spoke about the UN Chapter Seven, which Iraq has been under since 1990, and the best ways of bringing this file to an end.

H.E. Ammar Alhakim Receives American Ambassador



H.E. Ammar Alhakim, deputy of the ISCI leader, received Mr. Ryan Crocker, the American Ambassador to Iraq, on February 9, 2009, in the special bureau of H.E. Alhakim, ISCI president and UIA leader, for having finished his term in Iraq.

Mr. Crocker stressed on the great achievements that have been accomplished lately by Iraqis and praised the democratic practice witnessed in the last provincial elections, which were peaceful and free. He added that it was a victory for Iraq.

H.E. Ammar Alhakim Receives Deputy Speaker



H.E. Ammar Alhakim, deputy of the ISCI leader, received Sheik Khalid Alatiyah, the Deputy Speaker accompanied by MP Hassan Alsenad, in the special bureau of H.E. Alhakim, ISCI president and UIA leader, on February 9, 2009.

Sheik Alatiyah said that this visit is to consult on the upcoming Iraqi government commitments and the debates in the Council of Representatives in order to decide on the next Speaker. Also, they discussed the best ways to activate the new Provincial Councils in order to offer basic services and needs.

H.E. Ammar Alhakim Receives Deputy PM Saleh



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H.E. Ammar Alhakim, deputy of the ISCI leader, received Mr. Barham Saleh, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, on February 10, 2009, in the special bureau of H.E. Alhakim, ISCI president and UIA leader.

In the meeting they discussed the latest political developments in Iraq and the bilateral relations between ISCI and the Kurdistan Coalition in all fields, in order to support the political process and the relations among all Iraqi components.

H.E. stressed on the importance of Iraqi national unity to face the continuing challenges.

H.E. Ammar Alhakim Receives British Ambassador

H.E. Ammar Alhakim, deputy of the ISCI leader, received Mr. Christopher Prentiss, the British Ambassador to Iraq, in the special bureau of H.E. Alhakim, ISCI president and UIA leader, on February 11, 2009.

In the meeting they discussed the current political and security developments and the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Mr. Prentiss congratulated H.E. Ammar Alhakim on the successful provincial elections and stressed that these elections will advance the democratic process in Iraq.

Finance Minister Receives Japanese Ambassador



Finance Minister Baker Jaber Alzubaidi received Mr. Shoji Ogawa, the Japanese Ambassador to Iraq, on February 5, 2009. They discussed the two countries' relations

and the best ways to improve the mutual interests, stressing on having more frequent talks between the two countries in order to have more cooperation from both sides.

Minister Alzubaidi expressed his gratitude to the Japanese government for supporting Iraq financially, through the loan of \$3.5 billion, which will help in getting Japanese companies to participate in reconstruction in Iraq, particularly in water and energy projects and road infrastructure.

Mr. Ogawa discussed the main projects that the Japanese companies will execute through this loan. For instance, the Baghdad sewerage project, the Kurdistan water project, and the south power plant project. Also, he mentioned that the Japanese companies will execute many other strategic projects in Iraq in order to support the Iraqi people and strengthen the bilateral relations.

Mr. Ogawa commended the success of the provincial elections, which will help in further advancing democracy in Iraq.

Provincial Elections January 31, 2009

ISCI Results

Below are the ISCI results with 90% of the votes counted in the 14 provinces taking part in Iraq's 2009 provincial elections.

No.	Province	%	Place
1	Baghdad	5.4	6
2	Basra	11.6	2
3	Najaf	14.8	2
4	Babil	8.2	2
5	Diyala	5	6
6	Muthanna	12.7	1
7	Maysan	14.6	3
8	Dhi Qar	11.1	3
9	Karbala	6.4	5
10	Salahaddin	2.3	8
11	Qadisiya	11.7	2
12	Wasit	10	2
13	Anbar	0	0
14	Mosul	1.9	6

General Information

Candidates & Parties:

Candidates = 14,431
Seats = 440
Women = 3,912
Men = 10,519
Parties = 401
Coalitions = 36

Electoral Commission Centers & Misc.:

Centers = 7,000
Stations = 42,000
Local Monitors = 78,000
Foreign Monitors = 805
Agents = 224,000
Employees = 270,000
Local Journalists = 2,000
Foreign Journalists = 400
Equipment & Supplies = 607 Tons

Turnout:

Number of registered voters: 14.9 million
Turnout: 7.5 million
Turnout percentage: 51%

Province	Turnout %	No. Seats
Basra	48	35
Maysan	46	27
Dhi Qar	50	31
Muthanna	61	26
Qadisiya	58	28
Najaf	55	28
Anbar	40	29
Salahaddin	65	28
Wasit	54	28
Karbala	60	27
Babil	56	30
Diyala	57	29
Mosul	60	37
Baghdad	40	57

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